

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to the motion to concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 4853, Airport and Airway Extension Act, with an amendment.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S10235–S10309

Measures Introduced: Seven bills were introduced, as follows: S. 4027–4033. **Page S10304**

Measures Reported:

S. 3480, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 and other laws to enhance the security and resiliency of the cyber and communications infrastructure of the United States, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 111–368)

S. 3297, to update United States policy and authorities to help advance a genuine transition to democracy and to promote recovery in Zimbabwe, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 111–369) **Page S10303**

Measures Passed:

Coast Guard Authorization Act: Senate passed H.R. 6516, to make technical corrections to provisions of law enacted by the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2010. **Page S10308**

House Messages:

Airport and Airway Extension Act: By 81 yeas to 19 nays (Vote No. 276), Senate agreed to the motion to concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 4853, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend authorizations for the airport improvement program, with Reid/McConnell Modified Amendment No. 4753 (to the House amendment to the Senate amendment), in the nature of a substitute, after taking action on the following motions and amendments proposed there-to: **Pages S10244–56**

Withdrawn:

Reid Amendment No. 4754 (to Amendment No. 4753), to change the enactment date. **Pages S10244, S10251**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 47 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 273), two-thirds of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the Coburn motion to suspend rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, including any germaneness requirements, for the purpose of proposing and considering amendment no. 4765. **Pages S10244–45, S10249–51**

By 37 yeas to 63 nays (Vote No. 274), two-thirds of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the DeMint motion to suspend rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate for the purpose of proposing and considering amendment no. 4804. **Pages S10247, S10251**

By 43 yeas to 57 nays (Vote No. 275), two-thirds of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the Sanders motion to suspend rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate for the purpose of proposing and considering amendment no. 4809. **Pages S10245–46, S10251**

Printing Tributes—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the order for the printing of tributes be modified to provide that Members have until sine die of the 111th Congress, 2nd session to submit tributes and that the order for printing remain in effect. **Page S10308**

Executive Reports of Committees: Senate received the following executive report of a committee:

Report to accompany Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (Treaty Doc. 110–19) (Ex. Rept. 111–7). **Page S10303**

Treaty With Russia on Measures for Further Reduction and Limitation of Strategic Offensive Arms: By 66 yeas to 32 nays (Vote No. 277), Senate

agreed to the motion to proceed to executive session to consider Treaty Doc. 111–5, between the United States of America and the Russian Federation on Measures for the Further Reduction and Limitation of Strategic Offensive Arms, signed in Prague on April 8, 2010, with Protocol. **Page S10261**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that, as if in Executive Session, at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, December 16, 2010, Senate proceed to Executive Session and begin consideration of the treaty, and that the treaty be considered read. **Pages S10308–09**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Clyde E. Terry, of New Hampshire, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability for a term expiring September 17, 2013.

41 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

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Record Votes: Five record votes were taken today. (Total—277) **Pages S10251, S10255, S10261**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:24 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, December 16, 2010. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S10309.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Ramona Emilia Romero, of Pennsylvania, to be General Counsel of the Department of Agriculture.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Carolyn W. Colvin, of Maryland, to be Deputy Commissioner of Social Security, Social Security Administration.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 5 public bills, H.R. 6522–6526; and 7 resolutions, H.J. Res. 104; H. Con. Res. 334; and H. Res. 1763, 1765, 1767–1769 were introduced. **Pages H8519–20**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H8520**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 1764, providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 2965) to amend the Small Business Act with respect to the Small Business Innovation Research Program and the Small Business Technology Transfer Program, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 111–681) and

H. Res. 1766, providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the House amendment to the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 4853) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, to amend title 49, United

States Code, to extend authorizations for the airport improvement program, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 111–682). **Page H8519**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Amending the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010 to improve the Littoral Combat Ship program of the Navy: H.R. 6494, amended, to amend the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010 to improve the Littoral Combat Ship program of the Navy; **Pages H8359–62**

Congratulating Auburn University quarterback and College Park, Georgia, native Cameron Newton on winning the 2010 Heisman Trophy: H. Res. 1761, to congratulate Auburn University quarterback and College Park, Georgia, native Cameron Newton on winning the 2010 Heisman Trophy for being the most outstanding college football player in the United States, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 378